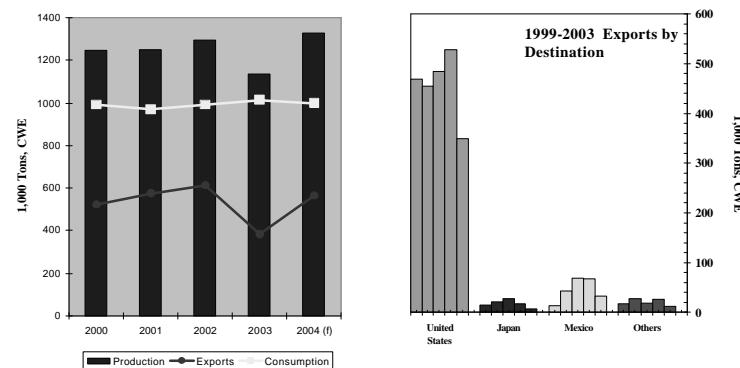


Canada's Beef Situation

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004(f)
(1,000 tons; Carcass Weight Equivalent (CWE))							
Beginning Stocks	23	26	32	26	32	24	36
Production	1,150	1,238	1,246	1,250	1,295	1,135	1,325
Imports	232	254	263	299	307	274	230
Exports	428	492	523	575	610	384	565
Consumption	951	994	992	968	992	1,013	1,000
Ending Stocks	26	32	26	32	32	36	26

Canada's Beef Exports are Projected to Recover in 2004 with Trade Primarily Flowing to Mexico and the United States



In 2004, Canadian beef exports are expected to rebound from 2003 levels to 565,000 tons, due to increased exports to the United States and Mexico, its two largest markets. Canada suffered a major trade disruption with the discovery of one case of BSE in May 2003. Canada's exports reached only 384,000 tons in 2003 after it was shut out of most export markets in the second and third quarters of the year. In September, Canada resumed exporting boneless beef products from cattle less than 30 months of age to the United States and Mexico. Boneless beef exports completely replaced what were formerly bone-in exports. Canadian cattle are still prohibited from importation into the United States. USDA published a preliminary rule on cattle imports that proposes to open the U.S. border to Canadian cattle under 30 months of age. The comment period will end on April 7, 2004.

Canada
BEEF IMPORTS
(metric tons)

Fresh/Chilled									
Origin	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Argentina	0	0	1	9	391	902	304	0	0
Australia	600	173	228	1,163	3,246	4,796	9,203	12,399	6,678
New Zealand	671	1,054	2,192	3,362	2,975	3,306	4,692	3,234	3,459
United States	88,443	82,795	76,532	67,771	65,075	66,450	58,869	60,329	57,001
Others	1	0	23	0	110	89	98	19	2,901
Total	89,715	84,022	78,976	72,305	71,797	75,543	73,166	75,981	70,039
US market share	99%	99%	97%	94%	91%	88%	80%	79%	81%
Frozen									
Origin	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Argentina	0	0	0	199	10,401	25,315	3,819	0	0
Australia	38,248	26,810	37,122	38,084	41,622	33,900	44,875	80,880	33,218
New Zealand	42,323	45,721	41,366	42,089	31,936	17,769	51,923	51,862	42,403
United States	7,834	7,142	8,490	8,157	7,105	7,203	7,672	7,221	6,157
Uruguay	0	138	8,303	1,044	14,887	24,527	30,707	32	36,493
Others	53	30	64	1,005	35	1	324	37	42
Total	88,458	79,841	95,345	90,578	105,986	108,715	139,320	140,032	118,313
US market share	9%	9%	9%	9%	7%	7%	6%	5%	5%
Processed									
Origin	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Argentina	1,921	1,307	1,136	1,170	1,161	817	915	1,159	829
Australia	922	960	862	1,147	727	611	602	223	2
Brazil	1,165	1,740	2,427	1,634	2,367	2,297	1,421	2,204	3,117
United States	6,387	6,849	8,456	11,248	12,889	14,211	14,394	16,430	18,029
Others	145	499	184	287	216	112	44	151	169
Total	10,540	11,355	13,065	15,487	17,360	18,048	17,376	20,167	22,146
US market share	61%	60%	65%	73%	74%	79%	83%	81%	81%
Grand Total	188,713	175,218	187,386	178,370	195,143	202,306	229,862	236,180	210,498
Share to U.S.	54%	55%	50%	49%	44%	43%	35%	36%	39%

Source: Statistics Canada.

Note: All data are reported in Product Weight

Canada

BEEF EXPORTS (metric tons)

Destination	Fresh/Chilled								
	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
European Union	31	207	207	287	354	280	513	371	630
Japan	2,628	1,841	2,992	2,419	4,073	4,828	5,796	2,866	2,518
Mexico	47	54	107	1,767	9,515	28,209	45,991	44,381	22,077
Taiwan	1	3	72	104	151	192	374	169	197
United States	157,628	212,472	248,617	282,176	317,604	311,005	332,470	359,419	234,146
Others	456	607	428	453	546	1,100	373	384	810
Total	160,790	215,184	252,423	287,206	332,243	345,614	385,517	407,590	260,378
Destination	Frozen								
	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2002
Cuba	40	84	296	424	898	146	591	407	153
Japan	3,660	4,374	10,187	11,464	7,124	10,913	14,494	9,191	3,595
Hong Kong	44	162	181	207	195	483	525	454	99
Korea	1,939	1,330	4,494	3,069	7,717	15,131	5,932	12,295	4,036
Mexico	94	38	0	88	860	2,939	5,331	4,796	1,785
Taiwan	530	604	1,185	1,212	1,030	1,466	2,443	3,290	1,624
United States	17,387	18,289	19,995	18,080	19,762	16,847	18,347	22,690	19,025
Others	396	934	467	606	609	646	1,469	1,211	1,282
Total	24,090	25,815	36,805	35,150	38,195	48,571	49,132	54,334	31,599
Destination	Processed								
	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2002
Cuba	55	25	41	29	35	42	443	132	26
Japan	49	164	84	74	42	84	397	13	4
United States	2,293	2,826	3,742	5,539	7,391	7,180	5,612	6,522	2,718
Others	1,267	1,247	874	1,129	540	715	705	157	515
Total	3,664	4,262	4,741	6,771	8,008	8,021	7,157	6,824	3,263
Grand Total	188,544	245,261	293,969	329,127	378,446	402,206	441,806	468,748	295,240
Share to U.S.	94%	95%	93%	93%	91%	83%	81%	83%	87%

Source: Statistics Canada.

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